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INFORMATION PAPER

Subject: Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Opportunities
for Graduate Degrees in Nursing

1. Purpose. To provide an overview of ROTC opportunities to obtain a graduate degree in certain nursing specialties.

2. Facts.

a. A Registered Nurse (RN) may obtain a graduate degree in nursing while participating in ROTC. The ROTC nursing graduate studies option is another recruiting incentive that not only expands our prospect population, but also assists in meeting the clinical specialty needs of the Army Nurse Corps.

b. The nursing graduate studies option is only available to non-enrolled/non-contracted prospects at both Partnership in Nursing Education (PNE) and non-PNE schools. Education Delay is not available for graduate studies.

c. Graduate studies programs normally admit students who have a strong experience base in nursing. This may conflict with the age requirement of ROTC. However, many Registered Nurses now pursue graduate studies earlier than in the past.

d. Individuals completing this option receive constructive credit for rank, based on their advanced education and full time RN work experience. They enter active duty as either a 1LT or CPT, dependent upon the amount of constructive credit received. AR 135-101, C4 allows for a 2 year graduate degree credit for the graduate degree in nursing and up to 3 years work experience credit. Credit is calculated sequentially, not concurrently.

e. To participate in ROTC while obtaining a graduate degree, the RN must:

(1) Meet ROTC eligibility criteria in accordance with Cadet Command Regulations.

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(2) Have an unconditional acceptance to attend a school which awards a Master of Science or Master of Arts in Nursing. The school must be accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and acceptable to the Department of the Army.

(3) Be able to complete all requirements for graduation from the program and ROTC within 24 consecutive months or less.

(4) Obtain a masters in a specialty that has been approved by the Army Nurse Corps. Validation of acceptable programs is coordinated with the Region Chief Nurse. The catalog description of the program and desired degree should be faxed to the Region Chief Nurse as soon as a prospect expresses an interest in ROTC.

(a) Approved nursing specialty areas of study include:

adult health clinical nurse specialist
critical care clinical nurse specialist
maternal child clinical nurse specialist
peri-operative clinical nurse specialist
psychiatric nursing clinical nurse specialist.

(b) Areas of studies not accepted include specialties such as trauma, geriatrics, rural nursing, occupational health, public health, informatics, administration, anesthesia, midwifery, acute care and all nurse practitioner programs.

(5) Meet same ROTC military training requirements as other cadets. Basic Course requirements must be completed prior to the start of the program. Advance Camp attendance should occur during the summer months between the two years of graduate school.

f. Applications are submitted in accordance with the Campus-Based Scholarship Program guidelines, using a 2-year scholarship allocation or applying to the Adjustment Pool.

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